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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A workpiece having regions of different ductility is made by first coating opposite faces of a flat sheet-metal workpiece of low ductility and then stripping the coating from the faces in one region of the workpiece while leaving the coating on the faces in another region of the workpiece. The workpiece is then deformed into a three-dimensional profile. Only the one uncoated region of the workpiece is heated and thereby hardened while not significantly heating the other coated region of the workpiece.